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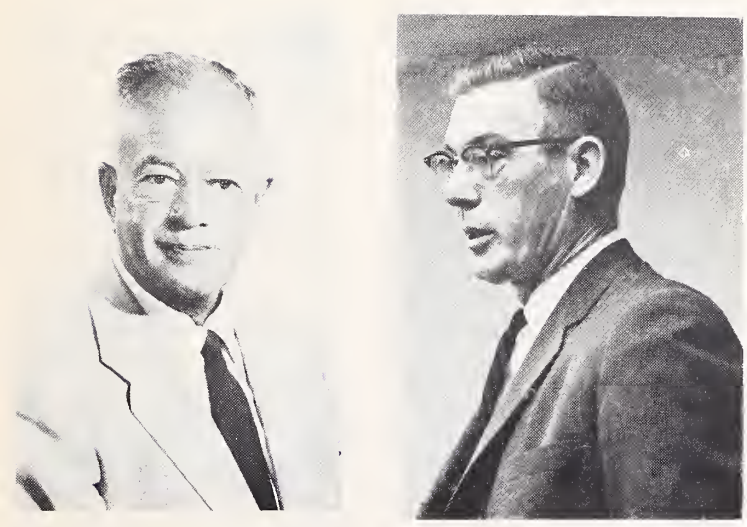
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MONTANA HIGHWAY COMMISSION

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R. F. Kitchingman

Ted James

KITCHINGMAN REPLACES JAMES

R. F. Kitchingman, no stranger to highway matters, has replaced Ted James as the Commission member from North Central Montana. Governor Babcock appointed Kitch when Ted submitted his resignation upon winning the nomination for Lieutenant Governor.

Kitch first came to Montana as Commandant of Malmstrom Air Base in Great Falls. During his tour of duty there the base developed into one of Montana's major installations and subsequently was selected for the nation's 1st Minuteman complex.

Kitch developed such a liking for Montana, and Montanans, that he chose to retire from the Air Force. He then became Executive Vice President of the Great Falls Chamber of Commerce until 1963. He retired from the Great Falls Chamber of Commerce job to move onto his own ranch in the Sun River area where he now resides.

FROM THE SAFETY DEPARTMENT

If the trend in the past is continued, the Montana Highway Department will be faced with a total of 52 injuries during the final three months of 1964, according to Clint Fulkerson, Safety Director.

Projecting these figures, based on the accident reports of the past year, 15 of the accidents will be considered as Major, with a total of 268 days lost time resulting. The remainder will be classed as minor injuries, totalling 37.

Out of an estimated 1,399,885 man-hours, this will bring the final three months severity rate to 191.4, and their frequency rate to 10.7%

Naturally, these figures are only estimates, based on past records. Of course, it is hoped that none will occur, but perhaps seeing into the future may encourage workers to be a little more careful in their daily tasks. The use of such safety measures as hard hats, seat belts, machinery guards, defensive driving, and lots of plain common sense will materially reduce unnecessary accidents.

Safety rules are made to protect people from painful, costly mishaps. Please follow the regulations for the benefit of yourself, and others.

LOST . . .

The MHD is missing a painting which is an artist's conception of the new airport at West Yellowstone. If anyone knows where this painting is, please contact Acting State Highway Engineer Paul M. Johnson immediately.



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Tim Babcock

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AWARD SHEET			LETTING OF JULY 29, 1964
Project No.	Amount of Bid	Bidder	Address
F 115 (14) Harlowton-Ryegate (G,GS, PMS,DR,SIGN & LIGHT) Wheatland County	\$788,785.21	McLaughlin, Inc.	Great Falls, Montana
F 193 (16) & F 251 (11) Culbertson-Plentywood & Sidney- Plentywood (G, GS, PMS, & DR) Sheridan & Daniels Counties	\$695,074.32	P. A. Bradbury Const. Co.	Aberdeen S. Dak.
R-AD 11 (1) & S 368 (16) Glasgow-Opheim-Canadian Line (G,GS,PMS,DR & WIDEN BRIDGE) Valley County	\$864,977.41	Hilde Const. Co. Inc.	Great Falls, Montana
S 340 (8) Chinook-Cleveland-Hays (G,GS,PMS & DR) Blaine Co.	\$260,526.38	Baltrusch Const. Co., Inc. & Affiliates	Havre, Montana
115-5 (25) 238 Wolf Creek Cascade (Install SPPA CULVERT) Cascade Co.	\$ 26,380.40	A B Const. Co.	Helena, Montana
SMP 4199-64 Various (CRUSH & STOCK- PILE) Granite, Mineral, Mis- soula & Ravalli Counties	\$128,322.00	M & S Construction	Missoula, Montana
Total for Month \$2,764,065.72			
Total for Year \$38,708,726.73			

PERUVIAN ENGINEER VISITS MHD

Peruvian Engineer, Manuel Pastor, is in Montana to study highway procedures and methods, under the direction and through the cooperation of the Montana Highway Department, and the U. S. Bureau of Public Roads.

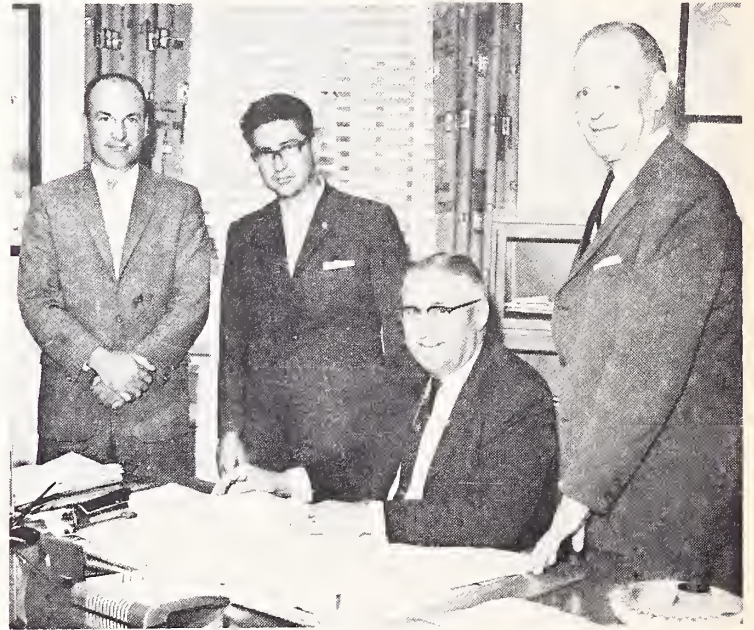
Pastor lives in Miraflores, Lima, Peru, and was educated there, receiving his high school diploma in that city, and his Civil Engineering degree in 1949 at the National University of Engineering.

Following his graduation from College, he worked at Lima except for a post-graduate course in Pre-Stressed concrete methods in

France, Italy and Germany, sponsored by the French Government in 1959.

He is a member of the Asociacion de Ingenieros Civiles, and is in the United States to study control of construction and maintenance of bridges all over the country. His stay in Montana will be until September 4 at which time he will be assigned to another state Highway Department for similar training.

After a communications seminar between October 12-16, he will return to his wife and 4 children in Lima.



The photo shows Philip Keasey, bridge engineer for the BPR, Pastor, Paul Johnson, and A. W. Jones, Bridge Engineer for the MHD.

SERVICE AWARDS

A total of 380 years of service is represented in the July Service Awards which include five 30-year employees. They are Owen H. Groven, Terry C. Pickering, Melvin C. Rygg, Charles L. Williams, and Carl A. Wirth; 25-year pins go to Clarence R. Mackey, and John M. Nelson. Four 15-year awards were awarded to Milton L. Ingersoll, John P. Phillips, Samuel Schwindt, and Robert Simonich. 10-year: Murrel E. Braaten, Robert D. Brock, Ann B. Lewis, Clifford D. Cree, Frank M. Dunn, and Perry Ed Kalal; 5-year: Walter Deighton, Teddy H. Deschamps, Jerome L. Devine, Gary E. Eichert, Elden D. Gamache, John S. Kelly, Donna J. LaFournaise, Robert L. Maas, John R. Matule, Sherman P. Mazza, Everett A. Towne, and Donald V. Witkowski.

MARJORIE KENNETT FETED

Several of the female employees of the Helena office held a luncheon on July 24 to bid farewell to Marjorie Kennett who retires on September 1.

Marj has been with the MHD for 12 years, of which 3 were in the Lewistown Division office, and 9 as secretary to the State Highway Engineer.



Shown at the luncheon are the honored guest, and (L to R), Bonnie Borgman, Ellen Dennis, Jannette Magnus, Bea Edelman, Kathryn Burke, Dorothy Bosse, Margaret Roberts, Elizabeth Kuehn, Nell Powers and Alberta Rhodda (both hidden), Frances Everett, Mary Curnow, Florence Allen and Louise Garber.

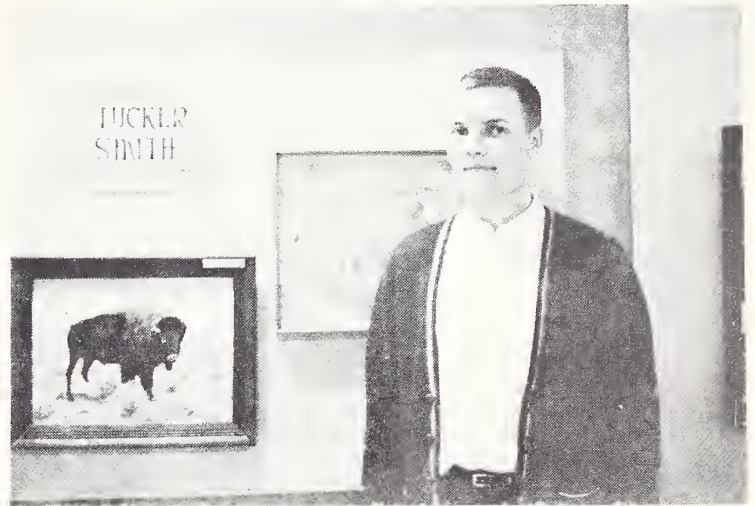


A bouquet of roses was presented to Marj by Paul Johnson and Jack Wheeler. The staff personnel gave her a wrist watch.

We will all miss Marj and hope she enjoys her retirement.

Her replacement is Elizabeth Lee who comes from the R/W office in Billings.

CONGRATS TO TUCKER SMITH



Kudos to Tucker Smith, in the Data Processing Division, who not only had a collection of paintings on display during August in the Historical Society museum, but who owns an appaloosa named DING BOB RAIN. She was named Champion Mare 4 years and older, also Grand Champion Mare at the Great Falls Fair the Northwest Appaloosa Horse Show.

Burt Kinder, Road Plans Division, owns APACHE MAID, named Champion Mare with foal, and Reserve Champion Mare at the same show. Among the other prizes won by Burt's horses were; Third place in Mare 4 years and older, first place in Get of Sire, and first place in Produce of Dam.

INTERNATIONAL HIGHWAY DEDICATED

Canadian Highway No. 92, joining with Montana Secondary No. 483 at Del Bonita Border Station, was dedicated on July 27 at the Canadian border.

Dignitaries of both Canada and Montana were present including Hon. Percy Page, Lt. Governor of Alberta and personal representative of Her Majesty the Queen; Hon. Wesley Castles, Acting Chief Justice of the Montana Supreme Court and personal representative of Governor Babcock and Gordon Taylor, Minister of Highways for Alberta.

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INTERNATIONAL DEDICATION

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Others who attended in their official capacities were; Frank Shearing, Mayor of Lethbridge, Deane Gundlock, Member of Parliament; Frank Whetstone, Cut Bank Pioneer Press; Charles Matkin, Hans Pfeffele and Arthur Spencer, Magrath Chamber of Commerce; E. W. Hinman, Provincial Treasurer of Alberta; Sgt. H. Aime, head of the R.C.M.P. Traffic Detachment in Lethbridge; Ed Meyers, Past President of Cut Bank Chamber of Commerce, and Ernest Dalton, Mayor of Del Bonita.

Montana Highway Department personnel included Ernest Neath, Assistant Director of Information; L. A. Horvick, Division Engineer from Havre; Swede Lindgren, Chief Pilot; and Marvin Kalland, Photographer.

After an outdoor breakfast prepared by the Cut Bank Lions Club, and served on the porch of the Del Bonita customs building, the dedication ceremony was held in which Gordon Taylor, Minister of Highways for Alberta and Ernest Dalton participated.



Above: Judge Castles presenting a Bronze Centennial Medallion to the Queen's representative, Lt. Gov. Page, on behalf of Montana's Governor. In return, Montana's Su-

preme Court Justice received a coat of arms from Lt. Gov. Page.

Below: The ribbon cutting ceremony at Del Bonita.



BUTTE INTERSTATE DEDICATION TO BE HELD SEPTEMBER 24



Here is an aerial view of the Montana St.-West project in Butte. Plans are underway for a huge dedication and copper wire cutting to open the entire section of Interstate 90 and 15 through Butte.

The ceremonies will take place at 4 p. m. on that day with many state and civic leaders participating.

BOZEMAN DIVISION ENTERS CENTENNIAL PARADE

The personnel of the Bozeman division demonstrated their devotion to duty by volunteering their services on Saturday August 8 to prepare an entry and participate in the Bozeman Centennial Parade.



The entry consisted of 14 units totaling about a city block in length.

George Barrett, Division Engineer, drove a Model T Ford, and had as a passenger Dr. E. R. Dodge, Dean of Civil Engineering at M.S.C. He represented Dr. Leon D. Conkling who was dean of C.E. in 1913 and to whom was given the sum of \$5,000.00 by the State Legislature and the title of State Roads Engineer. With that amount of money, and convict labor supervised by civilian personnel, he was supposed to build highways in the Treasure State. Lorn Hardie of Bozeman was one of those supervisory personnel.



Following this unit was an early survey crew on foot, accompanied by a burro loaded with supplies. This was contrasted by a modern-day crew in a pickup and suburban.

A pickup truck carried a facsimile of two offices, one depicting the early days with a secretary in centennial costume answering the old two-piece telephone, and another lovely in present-day attire with modern fixtures. The office manager played a dual role with half of his costume, complete with beard and eyeshade, depicting the old days, and the other half modern times.

Also included was a work crew with wheelbarrow, a horse-drawn dump wagon, a facsimile of a repair shop, an early-day team drawn patrol each of which was contrasted by having its modern-day component illustrate the progress made over the years in highway construction and maintenance.

Centerline congratulates George Barrett and his crew for their efforts.

POPLAR TO GET BRIDGE



A future bridge project is getting underway. This photo shows John Witte of Poplar presenting a check for \$8,000 to Chairman Roy Sorrells to cover costs of preliminary surveys and engineering for the proposed bridge over the Missouri River near this town. Paul Johnson and Commissioner Bud Nass are looking on.

Residents of both sides of the Missouri River in the Poplar area are very desirous of making the bridge a reality. Traffic is now carried across the river on a toll ferry.

NEWS FROM THE DIVISIONS

Lewistown



As the "Montana Centennial" year goes by, there will have been many "Montana Story" pageants produced and played around our State. Lewistown is no different, as during the Central Montana Fair and Rodeo, people of the community put the "Montana Story" on to a record attendance.

Don Braach, designer, and Bea Knerr, Right of Way Steno, of the Lewistown District, served their community by participating in the pageant and appearing in many scenes, as Indians, Gold Miners, Pioneers, and Barn Raisers.

Great Falls

Dave Bisch of the Bridge Dept. in Helena and Ralph Knauss of the Great Falls Division spent the week-end of the 4th in Calgary, Alberta competing against the Canadians in a small bore rifle match. The highlight of the two day match for the Americans was their taking of the 100 yd. Buddy Match with a 384 out of a possible score of 400.

Havre

Alex Bonner, son of Al Bonner, Bridge Engineer in the Havre-Great Falls District, was chosen in state-wide competition as the "Boy From Montana" to represent the state at the National Y. M. C. A. Youth Conference in Washington, D. C. from June 19th through the



24th. Alex will be a senior in Great Falls High this fall and enjoys basketball, golfing, and bowling. He belongs to the National Forensic Association and took part in many of their activities during the past year.

Butte

James H. Taylor, P.E. at Dillon, rang the wedding bells on July 18. His bride is Hazel M. Bennett of Calgary. The wedding took place in that city.

Missoula Division

Zook Bros. Construction Company, who has the Missoula-Bonner Interstate contract for \$1,900,000.00, have recently purchased three Caterpillar "666" earth movers for use on this project. These machines are among the first manufactured and believed to be the only ones in Montana. A few statistics are: 54 Cu. Yd. capacity, a V-8 motor in front and a straight 6 in the rear developing 980 Horse Power. The unit loaded weighs over 253,000 pounds. It also has an air conditioned cab and a road speed of 42 M.P.H. The photo shows Walter Zook, Supt. standing by the 9 ft. 7 in. rear wheel of the "666"..

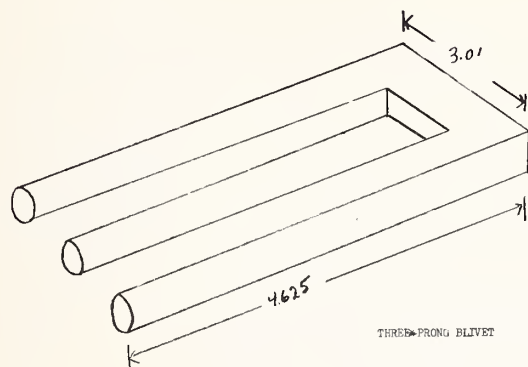


Congratulations to Mr. Claude Miller who retired July 24, 1964 with over 10 years service. He was honored with a lawn party in Drummond attended by about 20 friends. A pair of binoculars presented to him will come in handy at his home in Lincoln. His congenial personality will be missed on Sverre Olson's crew.

The annual Missoula-Kalispell picnic was held August 9th at the Country Club in Polson

and was well attended. While the weather man could have cooperated a little better, it appeared to be a complete success.

IT'S A BLIVET—BLIVET IT OR NOT



Courtesy-Montana Automotive Wholesalers Association.

Centerline is indebted to Ray Reavely, Chairman of the Montana Highway Users Conference, for his contribution of the plans for making a three-prong Blivet.

A NOTE FROM WALT

Here is a letter we received from Walt Koester, and we are sure his many friends in the Department will be interested in hearing from him.

Santa Monica, Calif.
Aug. 9, 1964

Thank you all very much for all the letters you sent me at the hospital and rest homes.

It sure is nice to hear from old time friends. Thanks a lot.

I am still an invalid, that is why I haven't answered your letters.

It would be nice to hear from all of you again. Thanks.

I am in the wheel chair part of the day and I am getting everything they can do for me.

I have had a hard time for a come back, and it is very slow process to get my health back, but the Dr. thinks, in time, I will walk again.

I am waiting to hear from all of you.

We have had some very hot days.

Your old time friend,
Walter Koester

Walt's address is: 1330 17th St., Santa Monica, Calif., Arizona Convalescent Hosp.

REMEMBER . . .

Milo Lahn, District Engineer from Lewistown, wants to remind all bowlers of the Highway Bowling Tournament which is set for April 17 and 18, 1965.

By advertising the event in advance, perhaps more keglers can make plans to participate. Milo states that the tournament is open to all employees and their spouses, and will include team events, doubles and singles, and an all-event.

CHARLES KING RESIGNS BOARD

Charles King, Specifications Engineer, has resigned from the Montana Motor Vehicle Reciprocity Board due to health reasons. He has served on that board since its inception in 1956.

Governor Babcock has named Howard Buswell, Planning Survey Engineer, to succeed King on this board.

VANDALISM REPORTED

Bill Brittain, District Engineer from Glendive, reports that an instance of highway vandalism has been brought to justice. On July 13 three young men damaged 9 delineators on the Interstate near Wibaux, and were apprehended by the sheriff of that county. County Attorney Malee, of Wibaux, completed the case by causing the driver of the automobile involved, a Mr. John Rykowsky of Belfield, N. D. to pay for the cost of the delineators and their replacement.

All MHD employees are urged to be on the lookout for anyone damaging signs or other highway property, and to report such cases immediately. Perhaps a few arrests and convictions will discourage those who persist in destroying such property.

ANACONDA DEDICATION DATE SET

The dedication of the Anaconda highway has been set for September 13, according to Floyd Capps of the Anaconda Chamber of Commerce. There will be more details in the news media as to the exact time and location, so plan now to attend.

MISS MONTANA STORY



Toni Horan, 17 year old daughter of L. F. "Charlie" Horan was crowned queen of the "Montana Story" contest, and now bears the title "Miss Montana Story". She was crowned by Governor Babcock on the opening night of the performance in Helena. Toni graduated

from Cathedral High School in Helena this spring, and plans to enter Northern Montana College at Havre for a legal secretarial course.

Her father is office supervisor for the Plant and Equipment division at Helena, and received his 25 year service pin in June.



Here's an aerial view of Bear Creek on U. S. Highway No. 2 between Summit and Essex. There are still visible scars of the June floods, but remarkable progress has been made in restoring the highway to usable condition.

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